(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the remaining Legal Assistants are likely to be promoted as Assistant Directors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Panel Lawyers working with D.D.A.

3271. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of panel lawyers working with DDA on contract basis in the lower courts and High Courts;

(b) what is the criteria for their selection;

(c) what is the annual expenditure incurred on them for the years 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Legal Assistants working in D.D.A. have not been promoted for the last seven years to the post of Junior Law Officer even though there are vacancies and if so; by when the vacancies are likely to be filled up; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that DDA can save lakhs of rupees each year as infructuous expenditure on panel Lawyers in case the Legal Assistant of Department are promoted as Junior Law Officer replacing panel advocates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The DDA has one Standing Counsel and 13 Panel lawyers in the High Court and 6 Panel lawyers in District Courts.

(b) The criteria for selecting a panel lawyer is merit coupled with his standing/experience in the profession.

(c) The details are as follows:—

(i) Fixed retainership Fee (*in lakhs*)

1982-83	83-84	84-85	85-86
Rs. 1·61	Rs. 1·87	Rs. 1·92	Rs. 2·14

(ii) Fee paid to different lawyers/advocates (in lakhs)

1982-83	83-84	84-85	85-86
Rs. 5·16	Rs. 3·37	Rs. 7·11	Rs. 3·43

(d) According to the DDA, the post of Junior Law Officer has not been filled up pending finalisation of the recruitment rules for the same.

(e) This is not so. As the DDA cases generally involve heavy stakes, it is considered advisable by the DDA to engage lawyers of standing and experience who are up-to-date in case law. No infructuous expenditure is incurred on a Panel Lawyer. He is paid as per the schedule laid by the Central Government (Ministry of Law and Justice).